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Nebraska FCCLA Recognizes State Leaders and Award Winners

Nearly 1,200 Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student members, adult advisers and guests gathered March 29-31, 2026, in the Lincoln Haymarket area for the annual State Leadership Conference. Attendees came from 91 Nebraska schools to grow their leadership skills, celebrate their accomplishments from the past year, and prepare for their future careers. The conference was led by the 2025-26 State Officer Team: Mollie Corkle, O'Neill – President; Samantha Fehrer, West Point-Beemer – First Vice President; Suhani Chaudhari, O'Neill – Secretary; Jaelynn Roberts, Overton – Vice President of Competitive Events; Sophia Stone, Elkhorn North – Vice President of Development; Ellie Bales, David City – Vice President of Membership; Afra Majumder, Elkhorn North – Vice President of Programs; Mayte Flores Garcia, Wakefield – Vice President of Public Relations.

In his keynote, *Who Told You That? Break Free from the Lies That Shape Us*, Ketric Newell challenged FCCLA members to examine the limiting beliefs and messages that influence their confidence, choices, and leadership potential. Through an encouraging and reflective message, he emphasized the power of self-awareness, truth, and personal responsibility in shaping one's future. Newell inspired members to reject self-doubt, embrace their value, and lead with authenticity as they pursue college, careers, and community impact.

Attendees had the opportunity to attend a variety of breakout sessions on Monday and Tuesday presented by FCCLA youth leaders and outside partners, including Kaiti Blackburn from Jana's Campaign, Derek Feyerherm from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Meghan Christensen from Midland University, KB Mensah & Kris Whisenhunt from Visionary Youth, Dr. Vernetta Kosalka from UNL Hospitality, Tourism, & Restaurant Management, Dr. Kimberly Clawson & Wendy Baumeister, PsyD, LMHP from BHECN Southeast, Dr. Dawn Lindsley, UNL Child, Youth & Family Studies & Dr. Carol Erwin, Wayne State College, and Abby Miller from The Leadership Center. The Opportunity Fair featured various colleges, organizations, and businesses for members to connect with. Attendees also had the opportunity to tour local organizations, including Lied Center, Hudl, Nebraska History Museum, and a UNL College of Education & Human Sciences visit at Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall.

The on-site service project involved bringing school supplies, which were donated to Visionary Youth in Lincoln, whose mission is to impact families and change lives by supporting youth to reach their full potential. More than 300 individual school supplies were donated to the organization through this project. Dundy County Stratton was the recipient of the Community Service traveling trophy for their participation in the service project.

Over 700 students participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, FCCLA's premier competitive event program. Students placing first and second in their respective event level qualified to compete in the FCCLA National STAR Event Competition which will take place during the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., July 6-10, 2026. Additionally, 200 members took 275 FCS Challenge Tests and 75 students participated in nine different Skill Demonstration Events.

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FCCLA is a useful and dynamic national career and technical student organization that aids young men and women in their journey to become leaders and teaches them lifelong skills. It demonstrates the importance of understanding how to address important career, community, family, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Nebraska FCCLA has over 2,800 members in 90 chapters across the state. For more information about FCCLA, please visit www.nebraskafccla.org.

Nebraska FCCLA is supported through the Nebraska Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning at the Nebraska Department of Education.

The 2026-2027 Nebraska FCCLA State Officers

Ronna Tu, Elkhorn High – President

Sawyer Brudigam, Wakefield – First Vice President

Paxton Burke, Cross County – Secretary

Bella Harwager, North Platte – Vice President

Marissa Hilbers, Logan View – Vice President

Hope Jones, – Vice President

Jaycee Smith, Northwest – Vice President

Charlotte Welsh, O'Neill – Vice President

The 2026-2027 Nebraska State Peer Officer Teams

Overall SPOT Council

Emily Larsen, O'Neill – SPOT Council Chairperson

Evelyn Sanchez, West Point-Beemer – SPOT Council Vice Chairperson

Tenleigh Roberts, Overton – SPOT Council Secretary

Family Leader Team

Tenleigh Roberts, Overton – Chairperson

EveLynn Schroeder, Cozad – Vice Chairperson

Mya Beland, Ord – Secretary

Laretta Davis, Central Valley – Public Relations

Career Leader Team

Evelyn Sanchez, West Point-Beemer – Chairperson

Taelyn Baumert, Clarkson – Vice Chairperson

Amelia Walgren, Centennial – Secretary

Jordyn DeNaeyer, Thedford – Public Relations

Community Leader Team

Emily Larsen, O'Neill – Chairperson

Trevin Jahde, David City – Vice Chairperson

Maci Walz, Mullen – Secretary

Neala McCall, Overton – Public Relations

2026 State Leadership Conference Chapter Spirit Award

Theford

Nebraska FCCLA Ultimate Leader Scholarship

Lia Montenegro, West Point-Beemer

Kenadie Throener, Howells-Dodge

Afra Majumder, Elkhorn North

Nebraska FCCLA Lisa Groth Memorial FCS Education Scholarship

Celia Mott, O'Neill

Nebraska FCCLA Administrator of the Year

Brent Hollinger, Cross County Community School

Nebraska FCCLA Distinguished Service Award

Tara Osborne, O'Neill

Nebraska FCCLA Honorary Membership Award

Lana Kruml, Ord

Jemma DeNaeyer, Theford

Nebraska FCCLA Spirit of Advising Award

Suzanne Neefe, Hemingford

Nebraska FCCLA Master Adviser Award

Michelle Paxton, Palmyra

Mikaela Franzen, Theford

Adviser Mentor Award

Tamara Nelson, Northwest

Nebraska FCCLA presented the Adviser Committed to Excellence (ACE) Award to the following local chapter advisers.

Kaitlin Spaulding, Arapahoe

Bri O'Brien, Battle Creek

Jonella Wonka, Bishop Neumann

Leanne Dederman, Boone Central

Sherry Black, Boyd County

Candace Cain, Burwell

Brenda Budler, Chadron

Kelly Bordovsky, Chambers

Caitlin Kabes, Clarkson

Sarah Hubel, Cross County

Lisa Hynes, Elmwood-Murdock

Tyra Hofferber, Fillmore Central

Erica Bonham, Franklin

Tamara Nelson, Northwest

Kelsey Schumacher, Hartington-Newcastle

Darla Windholz, Holdrege

Payje Rayback, Howells-Dodge

Megan Hillen, Leigh

Jaki Moeller, Logan View

Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley

Kelli Walz, Mullen

Angie Ehlers, O'Neill

Michelle Paxton, Palmyra

Ronita Jacobsen, Plainview

Mikaela Franzen, Thedford

Britton Andreason, Twin River

Mollie Kriz, Wahoo

Alina Surber, Wayne

Brianna Wolfe, West Point-Beemer

Adviser Years of Service Recognition Awards

15 Years: Gaylene Hallman, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge

10 Years: Jonelle Thoene, Crofton; Lisa Hynes, Elmwood-Murdock

5 Years: Jonella Wonka, Bishop Neumann; Brooke Howery, Elkhorn South; Tyra Hofferber, Fillmore Central; Crystal Feik, Loup City; Mikaela Franzen, Thedford

Retiring Advisers

Brenda Budler, Chadron

New Chapter Advisers

Yanira Rodriguez, Cozad

Elise Stoike, Palmyra

Lori Jensen, Alliance

Heather Allen, David City

Julyven Maniscan Padrigon, Madison

Britney Heller, Minden

Halle Unruh, Westside

Feed Nebraska Award Winner presented to a chapter for addressing food insecurity in their community.

Battle Creek

Chapter Developer Award for the chapters that complete the most development efforts for Nebraska FCCLA.

O'Neill, First Place

Thedford, Second Place

Region Chapter Membership Increase Awards for the chapter in each region with the highest percentage membership increase compared to the previous year.

Region A: Waverly – 157% increase

Region B: Madison – 900% increase

Region C: Central Valley – 144% increase

Region D: Mullen – 142% increase

Community ServUS Awards presented to chapters for completing community service hours throughout the year. Three levels of recognition are available and are awarded based on the highest ratio of service hours to affiliated chapter members: Bronze: >4.99 hours/member; Silver: 5-9.99 hours/member; Gold: 10+ hours/member.

Centennial, Bronze

Chadron, Bronze

Fillmore Central, Silver

Franklin, Silver

Holdrege, Silver

Howells-Dodge, Gold

Lindsay Academy, Gold

Northwest, Gold

Overton, Bronze

Palmyra, Silver

Twin River, Gold

Wayne, Bronze

West Point-Beemer, Bronze

Red and White Chapter Affiliation Awards for chapters with at least 50% of their chapter membership enrolled in FCS classes during the current school year. Three levels of recognition are available: White Chapter: 50-75%; Red Chapter: 76-95%; Red & White Chapter: >96%.

Arapahoe, White Chapter

Battle Creek, Red Chapter

Boone Central, Red Chapter

Burwell, Red & White Chapter

Callaway, White Chapter

Cambridge, White Chapter

Chambers, Red Chapter

Creighton, Red Chapter

Franklin, Red Chapter

Hartington-Newcastle, Red & White Chapter

Hemingford, White Chapter

Howells-Dodge, White Chapter
Leigh, Red Chapter
Lindsay Academy, Red & White Chapter
Mullen, White Chapter
O'Neill, White Chapter
Overton, White Chapter
Palmyra, White Chapter
Plainview, White Chapter
Thedford, Red Chapter
Twin River, Red Chapter
Wakefield, White Chapter
Wayne, Red Chapter

Nebraska National Program Awards recognize chapters who complete a local project related to one of the FCCLA National Programs.

Career Connection – Cross County

Community Service – Callaway

Families First – Lindsay Academy

Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) – Twin River

Financial Fitness – Ord

Stand Up – Hartington-Newcastle

Student Body – Creighton

Chapter Awards are earned when chapters complete a variety of activities in the areas of Attend, Communicate, Compete & Engage, and Join & Lead. Three levels of recognition are available: Bronze: 12 activities; Silver: 16 activities; Gold: 20 activities.

Battle Creek, Gold

Bishop Neumann, Gold

Boyd County, Gold

Burwell, Silver

Callaway, Silver

Centennial, Silver

Chadron, Gold
Chambers, Gold
Chase County, Bronze
Clarkson, Bronze
Columbus, Silver
Cozad, Gold
Creighton, Silver
Crete, Gold
Cross County, Gold
Elkhorn High, Gold
Elkhorn North, Gold
Elkhorn South, Gold
Elmwood Murdock, Gold
Fillmore Central, Gold
Franklin, Silver
Hartington-Newcastle, Gold
Holdrege, Gold
Howells-Dodge, Silver
Leigh, Gold
Lexington, Gold
Lindsay Academy, Gold
Logan View, Gold
Medicine Valley, Gold
Mullen, Bronze
Nebraska City, Silver
Neligh-Oakdale, Gold
North Platte, Silver
Northwest, Gold
O'Neill, Gold
Ord, Gold
Overton, Gold

Palmyra, Gold
Plainview, Gold
St. Paul, Bronze
Sutton, Bronze
Thedford, Gold
Twin River, Gold
Wahoo, Gold
Wakefield, Silver
Wayne, Gold
West Point-Beemer, Gold

2025-2026 State Officer Awards are given to State Officers for their efforts and impact throughout their year of service. Three levels of recognition are available, Bronze, Silver, Gold, based on completion of required and optional responsibilities.

Mollie Corkle, O'Neill – President, Gold State Officer

Samantha Fehrer, West Point-Beemer – First Vice President, Silver State Officer

Suhani Chaudhari, O'Neill – Secretary, Gold State Officer

Sophia Stone, Elkhorn North – Vice President of Development, Gold State Officer

Afra Majumder, Elkhorn North – Vice President of Programs, Gold State Officer

Mayte Flores Garcia – Vice President of Public Relations, Silver State Officer

CommYOUity Service Award recognizes Nebraska FCCLA members who give at least fifteen (15) community service hours into making their community a better place. Four levels of recognition are available: Bronze Award: 15-40 hours; Silver Award: 41-75 hours; Gold Award: 76-100 hours; Platinum Award: 101+ hours.

Kendall Schneider, Clarkson – Bronze

Rowan Stodola, Clarkson – Bronze

Azaria Melcher, Elkhorn High – Bronze

Ronna Tu, Elkhorn High – Silver

Brielle Wiese, Lindsay Academy – Bronze

Kinsey Wiese, Lindsay Academy – Bronze

Paisley Weeder, Lindsay Academy – Bronze

Callista Reichmuth, Lindsay Academy – Gold
Briley Dohmen, Lindsay Academy – Silver
Jessica Preister, Lindsay Academy – Silver
Karly Korth, Lindsay Academy – Silver
Marley Hall, Lindsay Academy – Silver
Sierra Reardon, Lindsay Academy – Silver
Zoey Hall, Lindsay Academy – Silver
Bella Harwager, North Platte – Bronze
Emily Odle, North Platte – Bronze
Nathaniel Howery, North Platte – Gold
Haydan Beller, North Platte – Silver
Kaylee Gilbert, North Platte – Silver
Magdalena Street, North Platte – Silver
Jaycee Smith, Northwest – Platinum
Paige Walahoski, Overton – Gold
Devynn Vela, Palmyra – Bronze

Say Yes to FCS Signing Event Participants were recognized for committing to a career path in Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) areas as they continue their postsecondary education.

Emma Strand, Arapahoe, studying FCS Education at Wayne State College

Daniel Benes, Bishop Neumann, studying Culinary Arts at Metropolitan Community College

Trinity Youngblood, Bishop Neumann, studying Early Childhood Education at Southeast Community College

Jennifer Felipe Torres, Crete, studying Early Childhood Inclusive at Concordia University - Nebraska

Caleb Dewald, Holdrege, studying Culinary Arts at Central Community College

Harlee Steele, Logan View, studying Early Childhood Education at Wayne State College

Sydnee Cheever, Mullen, studying Psychology/Education at Wayne State College

Isabelle Norvell, Northwest, studying Early Childhood Education at Wayne State College or Central Community College

Celia Mott, O'Neill, studying FCS Education at Wayne State College

Skylar Kokes, Ord, studying Early Childhood Education at Central Community College

Carmen Wagner, Ord, studying Elementary Education at Hastings College

Kaydance Maertins, Plainview, studying Early Childhood Education at Northeast Community College

Dominic Rowse, Thedford, studying Elementary Education at Chadron State College

Regan Fernau, Wayne, studying Elementary Education at University of South Dakota

A Day in Your Future award winners are members who completed a job shadow or work-based learning experience during the year.

Haydan Beller, Lindsay Academy – Job Shadow

Jessica Preister, Lindsay Academy – Job Shadow

Callista Reichmuth, Lindsay Academy – Job Shadow

Riley Bourne, Neligh-Oakdale – Job Shadow

Jaycee Smith, Northwest – Work-Based Learning Experience

Celia Mott, O'Neill – Job Shadow

Alyssa Lawrence, Ord – Job Shadow

Carmen Wagner, Ord – Job Shadow

Skylar Kokes, Ord – Work-Based Learning Experience

Brooklynn DeNaeyer, Thedford – Job Shadow

Dominic Rowse, Thedford – Work-Based Learning Experience

Power of One Completers have set their own goals and achieved them in all five units of the National Program: A Better You – improve personal traits; Family Ties – improve family relationships; Working on Working – explore work options, prepare for a career, or sharpen career readiness skills; Take the Lead – develop leadership qualities; Speak Out for FCCLA – tell others about positive experiences in FCCLA

Claire Reiman, Boyd County

Savannah Zeisler, Boyd County

Paige Wendt, Boyd County

Kenze Reiman, Boyd County

Gracen Eckert, Boyd County

Emma Ohri, Boyd County

Brynlee Janousek, Boyd County

Amanda Davis, Boyd County

Abigaile Walgren, Centennial
Bryson Woods, Crete
Noel Johnson, Crete
Mynor Bautista, Crete
Jennifer Felipe Torres, Crete
Genesis Banos-Avelar, Crete
Lily Cramer, Cross County
Evelyn Hu, Elkhorn South
Maya Ekbote, Elkhorn South
Bianca Valentin, Elkhorn South
Abigail Hu, Elkhorn South
Gemma Bloch, Elmwood-Murdock
Asha Murdoch, Elmwood-Murdock
Brynn Pecha, Elmwood-Murdock
Kinley Dorr, Elmwood-Murdock
Harper Murdoch, Elmwood-Murdock
Grace Brion, Elmwood-Murdock
Geneva McQuigg, Elmwood-Murdock
Gemma Zoz, Elmwood-Murdock
Amelia Farris, Elmwood-Murdock
Erin Hynes, Elmwood-Murdock
Ellie Meister, Elmwood-Murdock
Asmaa Ahmed, Lexington
Feliciano De Leon, Lexington
Abdinasir Abdi, Lexington
Ashley Renteria, Lexington
Aryan Weddle, GI Northwest
Isiabelle Norvell, GI Northwest
Jaycee Smith, GI Northwest
Jailyn Rosmesser, O'Neill
Hailey Rosmesser, O'Neill

Alyssa Lawrence, Ord

Carmen Wagner, Ord

Kaydance Maertins, Plainview

Sawyer Brudigam, Wakefield

Nebraska FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Teams were seeded 1-8 and then played head-to-head (quiz bowl style) in a double-elimination bracket to determine first, second, and third place.

First Place

Cross County 1: Paxton Burke, Eli Horner, Ayden Larson, Bradley Lott, Cannen Mooney

Second Place

Cross County 2: Madysen Berggren, Ella Cramer, Lily Cramer, Naima Ramirez, Carissa Rutherford

Third Place

Alliance 2: Braeden Clarke, Espen Lanik, Jackson Shelmadine, Jackson Smith, Nason Thompson

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Challenge Tests were offered at the Junior (grades 7-9) and Senior (grades 10-12) levels. Students completed the tests virtually prior to the State Leadership Conference.

Child Development & Parenting Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Brielle Hladky, Centennial

Second Place: Madisyn White, Medicine Valley

Third Place: Ellie Foral, East Butler

Child Development & Parenting Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Charly Svoboda, O'Neill

Second Place: Paxton Burke, Cross County

Third Place: Neala McCall, Overton

Counseling & Mental Health Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Jordyn Coutts, Creighton

Second Place: Quintin Lawson, North Platte

Third Place: Addison Rolfsmeier, East Butler

Culinary Skills Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Karl Baham, Elkhorn High

Second Place: Caleb Dewald, Holdrege

Third Place: Emily Lyons, East Butler

Education & Training Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Emma Mashek, North Platte

Second Place: Emma Strand, Arapahoe

Third Place: Josef Kaslon, St. Paul

Fashion Construction & Design Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Stella Steele, Centennial

Second Place: Kayleigh Harms, Thedford

Fashion Construction & Design Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Mikah Schultz, Southern Valley

Second Place: Hailey Romesser, O'Neill

Third Place: Emily Odle, North Platte

FCCLA Knowledge Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Meagan Lassen, Overton

Second Place: Erin Hynes, Elmwood-Murdock

Third Place: Jordyn DeNaeyer, Thedford

FCCLA Knowledge Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Sawyer Brudigam, Wakefield

Second Place: Charlotte Welsh, O'Neill

Third Place: Annaka Wasenius, Arapahoe

Food Science Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Natalee Holste, Southern Valley

Second Place: Kourtney Tejral, East Butler

Third Place: Paige Walahoski, Overton

General FCS Knowledge Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Evelyn Nielsen, Sutton

Second Place: Christian Hernandez, Sutton

Third Place: Dominic Ayala, Sutton

General FCS Knowledge Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Faith Davis, Wahoo

Second Place: Ruby McCune, Arapahoe

Third Place: Nora Cox, Sutton

Hospitality & Tourism Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Paige Walahoski, Overton

Second Place: Adelia Sigler, O'Neill

Third Place: Bella Harwager, North Platte

Housing & Interior Design Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Jaden May, Plainview

Second Place: Meagan Lassen, Overton

Third Place: Emelia Morrison, Neligh-Oakdale

Housing & Interior Design Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Ella Kramer, Wahoo

Second Place: Brody Hansen, Elkhorn High

Third Place: Kennasyn Blecke, Wayne

Life & Career Readiness Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Catherine Stock, Elmwood-Murdock

Second Place: Tessa Tesinsky, East Butler

Third Place: Blaire Glasshoff, East Butler

Life & Career Readiness Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Hailey Romesser, O'Neill

Second Place: Kaydance Maertins, Plainview

Third Place: Hannah Petersen, Elmwood

Nutrition Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Lillyan Jarecki, East Butler

Second Place: Meagan Lassen, Overton

Third Place: Hugh York, O'Neill

Nutrition Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Paige Walahoski, Overton

Second Place: Ruby McCune, Arapahoe

Third Place: Natalee Holste, Southern Valley

Parliamentary Knowledge Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Wyatt Rice, Southern Valley

Second Place: Sophia Schmall, Scottsbluff

Third Place: Emma Bowder, O'Neill

Parliamentary Knowledge Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Laney Becker, Southern Valley

Second Place: Mikah Schultz, Southern Valley

Third Place: Josef Kaslon, St. Paul

Personal Finance Challenge Test – Junior

First Place: Sophia Schmall, Scottsbluff

Second Place: Dorie Yates, O'Neill

Third Place: Meagan Lassen, Overton

Personal Finance Challenge Test – Senior

First Place: Carson Deprez, Elkhorn High

Second Place: Sawyer Brudigam, Wakefield

Third Place: Dallas Hutchings, Chadron

Competitive Events Recognition for members participating in the national competitive events offered at the state-level are listed below. There are three levels of participation:

- Level 1 – grades 6-8
- Level 2 – grades 9-10
- Level 3 – grades 11-12

Skill Demonstration Event Top 3 Finalists competed in events that provide opportunities for members to demonstrate college and career-readiness skills gained through FCS courses and FCCLA involvement.

Culinary Knife Skills, Level 2

First Place: Anna Hamilton, Southern Valley

Second Place: Laney Becker, Southern Valley

Third Place: Payton Adams, Southern Valley

Culinary Knife Skills, Level 3

First Place: Natalee Holste, Southern Valley

Second Place: Calob Troy, Cross County

Third Place: Trinity Youngblood, Bishop

Fashion Sketch, Level 3

First Place: Marley Hall, Lindsay Academy

Second Place: Kallie Felzien, Southern Valley

Third Place: Haiden Clanton-Brunner, Elkhorn High

FCCLA Creed Speaking & Interpretation, Level 1

First Place: Brynnlei Rogers-McCoy, Chambers

Second Place: Emma Ohri, Boyd County

Third Place: Carlie Stutzman, West Point-Beemer

FCCLA Creed Speaking & Interpretation, Level 2

First Place: Sierra Reardon, Lindsay Academy

Second Place: Rebeca Burns, Cozad

Third Place: Claire Lahners, Bruning-Davenport

Impromptu Speaking, Level 2

First Place: Don Nino Mina, North Platte

Second Place: Eva Oltmans, Bruning-Davenport

Third Place: Audree Leet, Elkhorn High

Impromptu Speaking, Level 3

First Place: Cynthia Ozenbaugh, Bruning-Davenport

Second Place: Mikah Schultz, Southern Valley

Third Place: Quintin Lawson, North Platte

Interviewing Skills, Level 1

First Place: Nolan Samuelson, Wayne

Second Place: Grace Brion, Elmwood-Murdock

Interviewing Skills, Level 2

First Place: Scarlet Torrey, Plainview

Second Place: Callista Reichmuth, Lindsay Academy

Third Place: Dakotah Albin, Plainview

Interviewing Skills, Level 3

First Place: Karly Korth, Lindsay Academy

Second Place: Madalyn Schoen, Southern Valley

Third Place: Noelle Dutoit, Elkhorn High

Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills, Level 2

First Place: Hazel Bantam, Southern Valley

Second Place: Abbey Jones, Cross County

Third Place: Greyce Lampman, Centennial

Pastry Arts Technical Decorating Skills, Level 3

First Place: Alexandra Meyers, Southern Valley

Second Place: Honey Luby Bartling, Summerland

Third Place: Aryan Weddle, Northwest

Speak Out for FCCLA, Level 1

First Place: Stella Steele, Centennial

Speak Out for FCCLA, Level 2

First Place: Sicily Stoll, Seward

Second Place: Reagan Juranek, Centennial

Technology in Teaching, Level 2

First Place: Jayde Bazelman, Summerland

Technology in Teaching, Level 3

First Place: Natalie Lytle, Ord

Toys that Teach, Level 1

First Place: Lacey Harris, Cross County

Second Place: Brynlee Janousek, Boyd County

Toys that Teach, Level 2

First Place: Olivia Phillips, Cross County

Second Place: Nathan Howery, North Platte

Third Place: Macyn Johnson, Ord

Toys that Teach, Level 3

First Place: Joselyn Saltzman, Wayne

Second Place: Allisen Meek, Hemingford

Third Place: Breanna Meyer, Logan View

The FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl Top 40 teams qualify for the national competition based on a team quiz taken together in the Fall. This competition engages a team of five FCCLA members and tests their knowledge across six content areas: Personal Finance, Consumer Rights & Responsibilities, Technology, Health & Safety, Environment, and FCCLA Knowledge. The following team from Nebraska has qualified for competition at the National Leadership Conference this summer.

Elkhorn High: Carson Deprez, Noelle Dutoit, Brody Hansen, Victoria Kaipust, & Ronna Tu

Online STAR Event National Qualifiers submitted their projects on February 1 to be evaluated virtually. The top 20 entries in each event level then qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference. The following individuals from Nebraska placed in the Top 20 and qualified for the national competition.

FCCLA Chapter Website, Level 1

Austin Herrington, Palmyra

FCCLA Chapter Website, Level 2

Quinn Ross, Elmwood-Murdock

Macyn Johnson, Ord

Quinton Moore, Seward

Instructional Video Design, Level 1

Brynlee Janousek & Emma Ohri, Boyd County

Alexis Race & Carissa Rutherford, Cross County

Riley Hilbers, Logan View

Jasper York, O'Neill

Instructional Video Design, Level 2

Kiarra Kennedy, O'Neill

Gabriela Gomez-Montoya & Tinsley Wobken, Logan View

Instructional Video Design, Level 3

Brayden Keeney, Callaway

RED Talks on Education, Level 3

Emiley Schooley, Garden County

STAR Event State Champions and Runner-Ups receiving a gold or silver medal have qualified to represent Nebraska at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando. STAR Events are competitive events recognizing members' proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. Recognition is offered to each competitor with a medal representing total number of points earned in their event:

- Gold: 90-100 points
- Silver: 70-89.99 points
- Bronze: 0-69.99 points

Baking and Pastry, Level 3

Champion: Jordyn Ebel, Creighton – Gold

Runner-Up: Ashly Denney, Callaway – Silver

Career Investigation, Level 1

Champion: Emma Sonnichsen, Bloomfield – Gold

Runner-Up: Rebekah Olson, West Holt – Gold

Career Investigation, Level 2

Champion: Lainey Urban, Leigh – Gold

Runner-Up: Gavin Engleman, Southern Valley – Gold

Career Investigation, Level 3

Champion: Lee-anne Joson, Medicine Valley – Gold

Runner-Up: Laney Dahlberg, Thedford – Gold

Chapter In Review Display, Level 1

Champions: Sophie Trimble & Brittin Fink, Medicine Valley – Silver

Chapter In Review Display, Level 2

Champions: Kanon Clarkson & Chloe Indra, Clarkson – Gold

Runner-Up: Maci Walz, Mullen – Gold

Chapter In Review Display, Level 3

Champions: Carmen Wagner & Alyssa Lawrence, Ord – Gold

Runner-Up: Micah Nicolas, Garrett Small & Shelbea Reed, David City – Gold

Chapter In Review Portfolio, Level 1

Champions: Stella Sudbeck, Abrie Humphries & Londynn Morten, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Runner-Up: Blakely Wells & Miana Sudbeck, Battle Creek – Silver

Chapter In Review Portfolio, Level 2

Champions: Katelyn Uldrich & Ziva Stratman, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Runner-Up: Macy Nelson, Twin River – Gold

Chapter In Review Portfolio, Level 3

Champions: Karly Korth, Marley Hall & Briley Dohmen, Lindsay Academy – Silver

Runner-Up: Dalee Sazama & Makinna Lovell, Bloomfield – Silver

Chapter Service Project Display, Level 1

Champions: Lausyn Matthes & Layla Borowiak, Twin River – Gold

Runner-Up: Erandi Pantoja, O'Neill – Gold

Chapter Service Project Display, Level 2

Champion: Jozy York, O'Neill – Gold

Runner-Up: Jaden May, Plainview – Gold

Chapter Service Project Display, Level 3

Champion: Dominic Rowse, Thedford – Gold

Runner-Up: Vylet Hollatz & Emersyn Urban, Leigh – Gold

Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Level 1

Champions: Ellie Bartels & Eva Johnson, Twin River – Gold

Runner-Up: Savannah Quilhot, Ruvym Verkhoviad & Braiden Teeters, Cross County – Silver

Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Level 2

Champion: Paige Walahoski, Overton – Gold

Runner-Up: Hadley Grutsch, Jocelyn Reyes & Nora Lange, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Level 3

Champions: Braelyn Bergman & Jenna Funk, Summerland – Gold

Runner-Up: Sukaina Ahmed & Sophia Burns, Lexington – Gold

Culinary Arts, Level 3

Champion: Aryan Weddle, Northwest – Silver

Runner-Up: Daniel Benes, Bishop Neumann – Silver

Early Childhood Education, Level 2

Champion: Addisen DeLong, Milford – Gold

Runner-Up: Tenley Ernst, Howells-Dodge – Gold

Early Childhood Education, Level 3

Champion: Isiabelle Norvell, Northwest – Gold

Runner-Up: Bailey Palmer, Elkhorn High – Silver

Entrepreneurship, Level 1

Champion: Brynnlei Rogers-McCoy, Chambers – Gold

Runner-Up: Aurora Piskorski & Chloe Petska, Ord – Gold

Entrepreneurship, Level 2

Champions: Macy Sitz & Ella Deden, Ord – Gold

Runner-Up: Devynn Vela, Kailey Wheatley & Laila Miller-Hilliker, Palmyra – Gold

Entrepreneurship, Level 3

Champion: Peyton Olberding, West Holt – Gold

Runner-Up: Carter Herrington & Lauren Lindeman, Palmyra – Silver

Event Management, Level 1

Champions: Madison Wettlaufer, Blake Boettcher & Mya McCormick, O'Neill – Gold

Runner-Up: Brooklyn Lenhoff & Keira Carl, Hartington-Newcastle – Silver

Event Management, Level 2

Champion: Chanley Loomis, Garden County – Gold

Runner-Up: Maci Bloom & Alexis Bloom, Ord – Silver

Event Management, Level 3

Champions: Rowan Stodola & Kendall Schneider, Clarkson – Gold

Runner-Up: Ashlyn Wolken, Battle Creek – Gold

Fashion Construction, Level 1

Champion: Kara Eisenmann, Clarkson – Gold

Mariella Myers, Gering Junior High – Gold

Fashion Construction, Level 2

Champion: Talon Kurtz, O'Neill – Gold

Runner-Up: Makenah Steffen, Crofton – Silver

Fashion Construction, Level 3

Champion: Tiersa Johnson, Callaway – Gold

Runner-Up: Kallie Felzien, Southern Valley – Silver

Fashion Design, Level 2

Champions: Evelyn Hu & Maya Ekbote, Elkhorn South – Silver

Fashion Design, Level 3

Champion: Vishnu Priya Patterm, Elkhorn North – Gold

Focus on Children, Level 1

Champion: Ryker Toelle, West Point-Beemer – Gold

Runner-Up: Kennedy Eggleston, Callaway – Gold

Focus on Children, Level 2

Champions: Zoey Langenfeld & Cami Draper, Milford – Gold

Runner-Up: Lauren Sueper, Autumn Fittje & Kinley Gronenthal, Humphrey – Gold

Focus on Children, Level 3

Champion: Auyreon Robinson, Thedford – Gold

Runner-Up: Kate Son & Lucy Garcia, Elkhorn North – Gold

Food Innovations, Level 1

Champion: Brecklyn Baumert, Clarkson – Gold

Runner-Up: Bryn Waldo, Owen Emme & Daniel O'Malley, Chambers – Gold

Food Innovations, Level 2

Champions: Jose Beltran & Dana Vargas-Ramirez, Lexington – Gold

Runner-Up: Zoey Martin, Seward – Silver

Food Innovations, Level 3

Champions: Kalli Stumpf, Sophia Stone & Afra Majumder, Elkhorn North – Gold

Runner-Up: Savannah Leiting & Makennah Matulka, Seward – Silver

Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, Level 1

Champions: Harper Frisch & Alexa Wemhoff, Battle Creek – Gold

Runner-Up: Raena Lansman & Molly Bauer, Ord – Gold

Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, Level 2

Champions: Daisy Shafer & Kinley Proskocil, Ord – Gold

Runner-Up: Lauren Reiff, Amelia Pandorf & Gracie Brennan, Callaway – Gold

Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, Level 3

Champions: Olivia Tandy & Gracelyn Everingham, Cross County – Gold

Runner-Up: Miley Winer, West Holt – Silver

Interior Design, Level 1

Champions: Evie Weber & Brinley Snyder, Ord – Gold

Runner-Up: Hattie Scharp, Palmyra – Silver

Interior Design, Level 2

Champion: Magdalyn Hansen, Chambers – Gold

Runner-Up: Abigail Loyd, Garden County – Gold

Interior Design, Level 3

Champions: Paisley Weeder & Haydan Beller, Lindsay Academy – Gold

Runner-Up: Lane Hoefer, O'Neill – Gold

Interpersonal Communications, Level 1

Champions: Lauren Uldrich, Brooke Kalin & Quinn Stratman, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Runner-Up: Savannah Zeisler, Boyd County – Gold

Interpersonal Communications, Level 2

Champions: Sylvia Smith & Jordee Johnston, Burwell – Gold

Runner-Up: Dorie Yates, O'Neill – Gold

Interpersonal Communications, Level 3

Champions: TeeJay Hildebrandt & Kenley Cole, Medicine Valley – Gold

Runner-Up: Ella Montgomery & Aubrey Burton, Milford – Gold

Job Interview, Level 2

Champion: Lynn Miner, O'Neill – Gold

Runner-Up: Kloe Fischer, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Job Interview, Level 3

Champion: Brooklynn DeNaeyer, Thedford – Gold

Runner-Up: Suhani Chaudhari, O'Neill – Gold

Leadership, Level 2

Champion: Ethan Lobner, Central Valley – Gold

Runner-Up: Halle Woosley, Ord – Gold

Leadership, Level 3

Champion: Abigail Lindsley, David City – Gold

Runner-Up: Presley Wolf, Battle Creek – Silver

National Programs in Action, Level 1

Champions: Brooke Christensen, Zuri Booth & Brylee Ramaekers, Twin River – Silver

Runner-Up: Aubrey Stewart & Ellie Meister, Elmwood-Murdock – Silver

National Programs in Action, Level 2

Champion: Josie Urban, Twin River – Gold

Runner-Up: Jayde Kreifels, Logan View – Silver

National Programs in Action, Level 3

Champions: Neliyah Yoder & Kira Schweitzer, Milford – Gold

Runner-Up: Amanda Davis, Boyd County – Gold

Nutrition & Wellness, Level 1

Champions: Celia Gall, Haleigh Lammers & Ella Hoepfner, Hartington-Newcastle – Silver

Runner-Up: Jake Ehlers & Bentley Dexter, Chambers – Silver

Nutrition & Wellness, Level 2

Champion: Belle Anson, Summerland – Gold

Runner-Up: Paige Wendt & Juliana Cline, Boyd County – Gold

Nutrition & Wellness, Level 3

Champions: Hina Hinman & Chelsea Stephens, Chadron – Gold

Runner-Up: Noah Anderson & Grace Yrkoski, Twin River – Gold

Parliamentary Procedure, Level 2

Champions: Makenna Devine, Brynna Hagemann, Breklyn Landauer, Morgan McGill, Alexis Pedro, Rylie Rankin, Shaelynn Stokes, & Lily Thieman, Boone Central – Gold

Runner-Up: Payton Adams, Carson Hamilton, Max Lanik, Mistica Martin, Wyatt Rice, & Hadleigh Wasenius, Southern Valley – Silver

Parliamentary Procedure, Level 3

Champions: Payton Becker, Eloise Martinez, Miranda McGill, Bethany Preister, Myah Rankin, Madison Reilly, & Elissa Reynoldson, Boone Central – Gold

Runner-Up: Macey Fistler, Harley Goering, Emma Groteluschen, Braelyn Hemmer, & Mariah Schumacher, Humphrey – Silver

Personal Finance, Level 1

Runner-Up: Champion: Lane Meister, Elmwood-Murdock – Gold

Personal Finance, Level 2

Champion: Meagan Lassen, Overton – Gold

Runner-Up: Evelyn Sanchez, West Point-Beemer – Gold

Personal Finance, Level 3

Champion: Katrina Cassell, Ord – Gold

Runner-Up: Emma King, Summerland – Silver

Professional Presentation, Level 1

Champions: Preston Winer & Koebin Edghill, Ord – Gold

Runner-Up: Emery Malena, Khloe Kabes & Eisley Urban, Leigh – Gold

Professional Presentation, Level 2

Champions: Alaina Sayers & Tynzlee Hake, Clarkson – Gold

Runner-Up: Maliyah Maas & Calli Tomjack, O'Neill – Gold

Professional Presentation, Level 3

Champion: Gracen Eckert, Boyd County – Gold

Runner-Up: Tucker Cook, O'Neill – Silver

Promote & Publicize FCCLA, Level 1

Champions: Millie Hendricks & Gemma Zoz, Elmwood-Murdock – Silver

Promote & Publicize FCCLA, Level 2

Champions: Kourtney Dowding, Erin Hynes & Catherine Stock, Elmwood-Murdock – Gold

Runner-Up: Ella Kelly, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Promote & Publicize FCCLA, Level 3

Champion: Claire Reiman, Boyd County – Gold

Runner-Up: Sherridan Kirby, Battle Creek – Gold

Public Policy Advocate, Level 1

Champion: Gavin Myers, Overton – Gold

Public Policy Advocate, Level 3

Champion: Ryan Walker, Nebraska City – Gold

Runner-Up: Isabella Santarosa, Boone Central – Gold

Repurpose & Redesign, Level 1

Champion: Kenze Reiman, Boyd County – Gold

Runner-Up: Isabel Loseke, Emma Kumm & Marrich Brockberg, Bloomfield – Gold

Repurpose & Redesign, Level 2

Champion: Taelyn Baumert, Clarkson – Gold

Runner-Up: Riley Svehla, Ava Koliha & Brittney Faltys, Howells-Dodge – Silver

Repurpose & Redesign, Level 3

Champion: Kaylee Vering, Humphrey – Gold

Runner-Up: Krista Ana Linder & Mya Beland, Ord – Gold

Say Yes to FCS Education, Level 1

Champion: Elle Schmidt, Battle Creek – Silver

Runner-Up: Amelia Farris, Elmwood-Murdock – Silver

Say Yes to FCS Education, Level 2

Champion: Allison Huesers, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Runner-Up: Emerson Yantzie, Ord – Gold

Say Yes to FCS Education, Level 3

Champion: Kaylee Kloster, Hartington-Newcastle – Gold

Runner-Up: Celia Mott, O'Neill – Gold

Sports Nutrition, Level 1

Champions: Hugh York, Bennet Phillips & Noah Wiekamp, O'Neill – Gold

Runner-Up: Jeb Ehlers, Chambers – Gold

Sports Nutrition, Level 2

Champion: Don Nino Mina, North Platte – Gold

Runner-Up: Jannis Quenkert & Draeger Scott, Chambers – Gold

Sports Nutrition, Level 3

Champion: Riley Hegland, Mullen – Gold

Runner-Up: Briggs Ernst, Audrey Brabec & Bella Koliha, Howells-Dodge – Gold

Sustainability Challenge, Level 1

Champion: Annabelle Timmerman, Chambers – Gold

Sustainability Challenge, Level 2

Champions: Eduardo Socoy & Jesus Cordero, West Point-Beemer – Gold

Runner-Up: Reagan Bayer & Addison Heard, Howells-Dodge – Gold

Teach or Train, Level 1

Champion: Gracyn Ferguson, Chambers – Gold

Teach or Train, Level 2

Champion: Grace Hoffman, Chambers – Gold

Runner-Up: Gaby Rosales, O'Neill – Gold

Teach or Train, Level 3

Champion: Katie Preister, Twin River – Gold

Runner-Up: Harlee Steele, Logan View – Gold

Teaching Strategies, Level 2

Champion: Emma Bowder, O'Neill – Gold

Runner-Up: Charli Shaw, Dundy County Stratton – Silver

Teaching Strategies, Level 3

Champion: Sydney Messerlie, Leigh – Silver